



Haughley United Youth Football Club

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The last year has been a very busy one for all involved at Haughley United youth. We now have more than 120 children ranging from 6 years of age to 17.

We have had some pretty big achievements throughout this season, its hard to pick out just a select few but here is a quick recap from each team.

Under 8's – Well what can I say, this team have just finished their first full season of league football, and what a season they have had! The stats speak for themselves, 17 games played, 16 won and 1 lost, goal difference of + 152. Also, the winners of the portman cup and The Swan Sheild. But most importantly they have made some wonderful friendships on and off the pitch, had fun and been part of a team. The talents of one the team members should also be acknowledged; one player has been playing for Ipswich Town football club. He has now been offered an official contract to play for the academy. While this is a huge loss to us, we wish him every success in the future, what an opportunity at 8 years of age!

Under 12 Blacks – This wonderful bunch, our only mixed sex team, have also had a busy season. Only their second as a team. They have continued to go from strength to strength and finally winning their first game. Two years ago, most of these players had never even kicked a football. Their hard work and determination is definitely paying off. We know they will continue to go from strength to strength.

Under 12 Whites – This team had a slow start to the season, but boy did that change as the season went on. They have been unbeaten in their league matches since October, reached the semi final of the County cup and finishing the season in 4th place in the League.

Under 13's – What a tough season this has been for this group of lads, they have seen several new players join. They have faced some pretty tough oppositions, but they have kept their spirit up and given 110% every game. Despite this they have still seen some impressive wins. Now that they are familiar with each other, next season will see them continue to excel in their footballing.

Under 15 Saturdays – This was a new team this season, but from the get-go, they gelled and have made a brilliant team. They got through to the quarter final of the County Cup, with only one league game to go they have only seen three defeats. They are guaranteed to finish 2nd in the league, but still have the possibility of scooping up 1st place. This has seen them gain promotion into division 2 for next season.

Under 15's – This team has now been together for 9 seasons; in that time, they have gone from tiny boys into young men. This season has been their best to date, seeing them reach the League cup Final, in which they were narrowly beaten with a 5-4 defeat. To get to this final they beat teams that they have never beaten before. Ending the season in 5th place in the league.

Under 15 Blacks – “Foxy’s barmy army” This is only their 2nd season, again many players had never played football before this. Finally, they had their first much deserved win. They have gone from a team who were being beaten double figure each week, to a team who compete and win some games. They even managed to secure a win against their arch-rivals, the other under 15 team. Their drive and determination will see them continuing to improve next season.

Under 16’s – Our longest serving team in the club, now finishing their 10th season together. They won the league last season and gained promotion, but this has seen them have a tough season this year against some very strong opponents. They have been unfortunate with multiple long-term injuries. It’s scary to think that soon these young men will soon be playing adult football!

We as a club are very privileged to have such hard working, committed and passionate managers and coaches, who give up their time week after week to keep all the children in football.

We are fortunate enough to have an ongoing “Football Foundation pitch maintenance” grant, this means that our pitch space at Haughley has had and will continue to have lots of work to get it to a high standard over the coming years. The quality of the pitch makes a huge difference, especially with the volume of football being played. This has a positive impact on the all the children’s football. A Huge thank you to Karl Allum for all his hard work week after week to keep this pitch looking fantastic.

These grants are subject to us fundraising to contribute a percentage, so as well as the football we have been busy fundraising. We would like to take this opportunity to everyone in the community that has attended events and supported us with our stalls at community events. Also, to thank and acknowledge all the hard work from our very small, but dedicated committee. Without them none of these things would be possible.

We are hopeful that the club will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years, we are always grateful of anyone who wishes to give the time and skills in running the teams and will welcome any new people that wish to be involved.

In the next few weeks, we are holding our end of season presentation day, a lot of preparation and hard work goes into this, but we are really looking forward to celebrating the children’s achievements with their friends and family.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local groups and organisations who have been so kind and supportive to us, we feel very privileged to be part of such a lovely community.

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All at Haughley United Youth FC